

Hurley U9s 252 - 4 lost to Binfield U9s 278-7 by 25 runs

On an autumnal evening, Hurley made their way to Binfield for the final game of the season. Having been inserted, opening partnership Ollie and Ewan, the equivalent of Strauss and Cook got off to a promising start with a mixture of attacking drives and flicks. However some accurate bowling and late season hoicks meant the middle of the innings stuttered, with the runs drying up - shame we couldn't say that about the overcast skies. A solid partnership between Louis and William (top scorer, with 4!) ensured Hurley were able to reach respectability at 252 for 4. Poor old Lucy only facing three balls on her debut! Life gets better - I remember making my way as a kid in the Hurley ranks, and the senior batsman always hogging the strike.

Once again a tremendous opening burst from the Hurley bowlers kept Binfield under wraps, with five wickets falling in the 1st six overs to restrict Binfield to 211. However some big knocks from the Binfield middle order completely transformed the game, and with batsman scampering between the wickets like rabbits in springtime, Binfield were able to take advantage of some sloppy fielding to keep their noses ahead, and comfortably win the game with a total of 278 for 7. This was despite Luca tearing in for the final over, obviously having benefitted from the Freddie Flintoff cricket school. My only advise is not to follow his notorius drinking habits - certainly not at the age of nine.

Mentions once again to Aaryan and William as the stars of the bowling pack.

Hopefully the last game will bring the onset of summer.....